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SUBJECT.

Revaluation of the jewels of the Melkote temple.

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

Letter No. 128, Dated 10th September 1907.

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Owing to the outbreak of the plague at Melkote and the consequent evacuation of the town in 1902, the Govt in their Pro: No. 634-7, dated 30th September 1902, directed that all the valuable jewels belonging to the Sri ~~Ramanujaswamy~~ Narayanaswamy temple at Melkote should be removed to the Taluk Treasury at Seringapatam for safe custody and kept there until the question of improving the efficiency of the

guard is finally disposed of. The jewels were accordingly removed in October 1902. The residents of Melkote however memorialised His Highness the Maharaja, complaining of such removal, but His Highness was graciously pleased to order on the 14th November 1902, that "the petitioners may be informed that the removal of the jewels was necessary for their safety under the circumstances existing at Melkote and that they will be sent back as soon as proper arrangements can be made at that place." The Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District was thereupon requested to submit proposals as to the best way of improving the efficiency of the Guard of the Melkote temple, but his reply has not yet been received.

Sheet B

The valuable jewels of the Melkote temple are even now retained in the Taluk Treasury at Seringapatam. They are however sent to Melkote every year under proper escort days before the commencement of temple festivals noted in the margin

(1) Vyramudi festival in March or April
(2) Rajamudi Utsav in July.
(3) Ashta theerthos in October.

and after the festivals are over, they are again removed to the Seringapatam Taluk Treasury

Mr. Badami Krishnarao, Divisional Assistant Commissioner, reports that he recently inspected the Melkote temple and examined its accounts, but that no lists of temple jewels checked by any officer of and above the grade of Amildar are forthcoming either in the temple itself or in the Seringapatam Taluk Treasury, and recommends that all the jewels of the temple may be examined with the aid of some professional man from Mysore, and a correct list prepared after revaluing them in their present state. The Deputy Commissioner supports the recommn

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and suggests that the cost ~~is~~ to be incurred therefor may be met from the funds of the temple

Submitted.

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Yr Dy Com^rs proposal may be approved and it may be directed that the examination of the jewels should be made with due precautions and under the personal supervision of the Sub Divisional Officer himself ×

Submitted to the Dy Com^r

Dharmakartaru
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and a Dharmadarsi of the Temple

The proposal is approved —

The jewels deposited in the Tiruppattur Sub Treasury

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are d observe taken backwards & forwards three times a year between Seringapatam & Melkote. The value of the jewels is sufficient to tempt a gang of dacoits to waylay the party & relieve them of the precious charge. Worse things have been known to happen.

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Officer
Put up a draft order.
The remarks need not go into the Order.
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From
M. Kanakaraj Urs Esqr B
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To
L. Ananta Sawmi Rao
Esqr B.A.
Secy: to Govt Mily: Depts

Dated 13th Septr 1907

Despatched

Received

General No 1--7
No.

Enclosure No. /

Requests permission to entertain a professional man for the revaluation of the jewels of the Melkote temple.

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Office of the [illegible]

Dated [illegible] 10-Septr .7

To

[illegible]

of His Highness the [illegible]

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of letter no: 78 dated 1st September 1907 received from the Sub Division officer of French Rocks, I have the honor to state that as suggested by the Sub Division officer, the examination and revaluation of the temple jewels at Melkote and Seringapatam Taluk office are quite necessary. I would therefore recommend that Government may be pleased to order the revaluation of the said jewels with the aid of some professional man to be sent from Mysore, the cost incurred therefor being ordered to be met from the funds of the Sri Narayana Swami temple at Melkote.

I have the honor to be.
Sir,
your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Deputy Commissioner
District

BA

Sreerangapatam

Dated 1st September 07.

From

The Sub Division Officer

French Rocks.

To

The Deputy Commissioner

Mysore district.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner that, in July last I visited Melkote and examined some of the temple accounts.. The registers of jewels maintained in the temple does not bear the signature of any officer of the Taluk or of higher officer .

This shows that, the jewels have not been examined by any Officer superior to the Parapathegar or Peshkar of the temple.

Some jewels were reported to be in the Taluk Treasury at Sringapatam and the Amildar who was asked to report if there was not any list of all the jewels belonging to the temple and kept both in the temple and the Treasury verified by any officer reports that there is no such list in the Taluk. Thus it will be seen that it is very difficult to be convinced that the lists of jewels forthcoming are correct both as regards their number and value. How many valuable jewels must have disappeared at different times, no body can say- that some have disappeared can easily be presumed from the nature of the accounts maintained and the absence of their scrutiny by higher Officers till now.

I therefore think it is quite necessary to examine all the jewels with the aid of some professional man from Mysore and have a correct list prepared after revaluing them in their present state.

Early orders are solicited in the matter . As I am going to stop at Melkote from the 10th instant to the 13th instant,

I will attend to this most important work if you should kindly permit me to do so in anticipation of the Muzrey secretary's sanction.

I have the honor to be

sir,

your most obedient servent

sd/ B. Krishna Rao

Assistant Commissioner

French Rocks.

"Copy"

Asst. to Deputy Commissioner

Bellary District

Draft as per Ors orders
Murzai

13/10

Read :-

Letter No 128, dated 10th September 1907, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, recommending that all the jewels belonging to the Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote, French Rocks Sub-Taluk, partly remaining in the temple itself and partly kept in the Taluk Treasury at Seringapatam for safe custody, may be examined and re-valued with the aid of some professional man from Mysore.

Order thereon :-

The Deputy Commissioner's proposal is approved, the charges incidental to such professional examination and re-valuation being met, ~~from~~ as suggested by him, from the savings

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at the credit of the temple.

2. The examination of the jewels should be made with due precautions and under the personal supervision of the Sub Divisional Officer himself and a Dharmadarsi of the temple.

3. A detailed ~~The submission of a report~~ regarding the result of the examination is requested. Should be subd.

10/10/24

(By order) Secretary.

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dt.

Comptroller, Mysore Govt.